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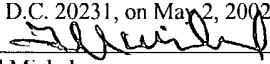


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Applicant:	MINO et al.	Examiner:	Unknown
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Title:	ALIGNED FINE PARTICLES, METHOD FOR PRODUCING THE SAME AND DEVICE USING THE SAME		

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted before the mailing date of a first Office Action on-the-merits. Accordingly, no fee is due for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Form 1449.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2), a copy of each document or other information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 is provided.

A concise explanation of the relevance of each non-English language document or other information is as follows (37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3)):

Japanese application 1-309902 corresponds to U.S. 4,985,273.

Japanese applicaiton 2-9196 corresponds to U.S. 4,985,273.

Japanese applicaiton 2000-48340 corresponds to U.S. 6,162,532.

Japanese applicaiton 2000-54012 corresponds to U.S. 6,262,129.

Japanese application 2001-504277 corresponds to WO98/22942.

No representation is made that a reference is "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103 and Applicants reserve the right, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 or otherwise, to establish that the reference(s) are not "prior art." Moreover, Applicants do not represent that a reference has been thoroughly reviewed or that any relevance of any portion of a reference is intended.

Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

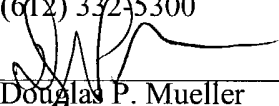
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Respectfully submitted,

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